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Applicant : Sara Lavi
Serial No.: 09/029,479 Examiner: J.T. Woitach
Filed : October 21, 1998 Group Art Unit: 1651
For : MANIPULATION AND DETECTION OF PROTEIN
PHOSPHATASE 2C-PP2C α -EXPRESSION IN TUMOR CELLS
FOR CANCER DETECTION AND THERAPY

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

A Final Office Action was issued on April 9, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 9, 2003 Final Office Action was due July 9, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00), and a check in this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, a response to the April 9, 2003 Final Office Action is now due October 9, 2003; the subject application is pending today; and applicants are concurrently filing a divisional application which claims the benefit of the filing date of the subject application.

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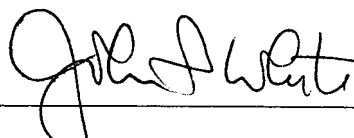
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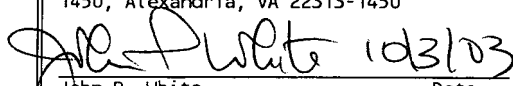
No fee, other than the \$475.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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